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# MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER

David I. Azar

#### So many of us think about the summer as a break from Brooklyn, time away from

the ordinary and a special couple of months for uniquely summer events. Over the past few years, the Center has become part of this summer experience in Deal. We catered to every age group there, from our youngest members enjoying the Early Childhood Carnival to our seniors dancing the day away at Fun in the Sun. Culture Club enjoyed a variety of popular activities, including bike tours, book clubs, and our highly anticipated 4th Annual Ruth Jerome Garden and Pool Tour, a standout event of the summer with over 200 women in attendance! Our young adults also enjoyed a diverse range of activities, including Stoop Talks, backgammon and volleyball tournaments, and Soundwave Music Festival. Furthermore, Grandma's Dishes and Encore Legends, both newcomers to our summer lineup, made their debut with a bang, drawing enormous crowds and leaving everyone in awe. Lastly, Center Court was a fantastic success, drawing 500 attendees.

While we were busy in Deal, we also kept the fun going in Brooklyn! Our Day Camp in Brooklyn brought over 500 enthusiastic campers together for memorable adventures, including a heart-warming fundraiser for Chai Lifeline and an exhilarating 'Monster Inc.' themed color war. Adding to the energy in the building, we also had many Seniors here for their daily activities.

But why stick to just Deal and Brooklyn when there's so much to explore? We were especially proud to have sent a select group of our finest teen athletes to compete in Maccabi Games, both in Israel and Ft. Lauderdale. Our champions brought home several silver and bronze medals, along with a midot medal for outstanding conduct on and off the court. Plus, our travel camp Beyond Borders led our teens on a tour out west.

Now here we are, back in Brooklyn, kicking off a Fall schedule. Never content to rest easy, our Sunday and Friday youth programs are at record capacities with most already sold out. We also have a brand-new event we're excited to debut, Centerflix: Jewish Film Festival. The list of upcoming programs and events is already long and plentiful, so make sure to flip through the pages of this magazine and get ready for an amazing fall!

Sincerely, David Azar



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# SPECIAL EVENTS

## **Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting was a beautiful night where we recognized board members, community members, employees, and key individuals who have loved, supported, and led the Center through its many years of success. We are grateful to the following honorees, who are an integral part of this community:

Joy Cabasso Early Childhood Award ESTHER MOSSERI

Gitta Sultan Leadership Award SONJA CABASSO

Morris Bailey Leadership Award DAVID I. AZAR

Lea Levy Award for Professional Excellence AIMEE MISHAAN

Lifetime Achievement Award for Dedication and Commitment to the Center **HELEN SHAMAH** 





# THE AUDREY LEVY A'H DMEN'S DAV

Audrey Levy A"H was a lifelong Center member who greatly enjoyed participating in Center

programs. Last year, Audrey's family approached the Center with an idea to honor Audrey's passion for self-improvement with a special event to benefit the community. Audrey's daughter, Esther, and daughter-in-law, Claudette, timed the event for Mother's Day-and with a stroke of serendipity, it coincided with the week of Audrey's birthday celebration.

And so, on May 8, the Audrey Levy A"H Super Women's Day was born. The event aimed to enrich and empower the women of our community and featured keynote speakers whose message closely aligned with Audrey's passions.

A Mother's Day Gift Expo ran parallel to the day's events and filled the building with vendors from the tri-state area, attracting smiling shoppers who supported them. With gifts in hand, members, vendors, and guests clamored for a repeat of the Audrey Levy A"H Super Women's Day as an annual event.











If you would like to honor someone special in your life with a Center program, we're here to partner with you. Please reach out to info@scclive.org and we'll connect you with the right staff person to bring your idea to life.





# Next Level Moms

Next Level Moms, hosted at **Odette Accad's** home in Deal, NJ, marked a fantastic end to summer and a smooth transition into the school year. **Mike Dube** from Elite Method presented the top 10 ways to raise confident and happy children, engaging the audience and leaving them eager for more. **Raquel Shamah M.S.Ed.** from Play by Play Kids offered an engaging workshop tailored to both new and experienced moms, sharing her own experiences and valuable insights into the challenges of raising children.

















**Our Fourth Annual Center Court ProAm Tennis Tournament on** <u>August 27th, 2023</u>, was a fantastic day of intense tennis competition



# STANLEY A"H & COOKIE CHERA EARLY CHILDHOOD

Inbal Khabieh, Director of Education & Admissions

Lisette Lalo, Director of Student Services & Program Operations

Estefania Rodas, Administrative Assistant

#### It's only been a few weeks of school, and we're still riding high from an incredible end to last year! It was one celebration after another, with Grandparent's Day, Art Expo, Yom Ha'atzmaut, and Mother's Day.

It was all capped ( ) off with our **Pre-K Graduation**!

While we were sad to say goodbye, we reunited with our beloved preschool family at our annual **Center Carnival**, at the home of **Betty & Joe Sitt**, where everyone had a blast!



















As a fresh school year begins, we welcome a record 226 little stars, both new and returning. We're excited for this new learning journey together, full of discovery, fun, and endless possibilities! We love our preschool family!

#### Exciting Renovations in our Preschool!

We were busy this August getting ready for a new year. We have expanded our classroom spaces, with more room for more fun. We also installed new lights for a bright new look. Plus, new toys, supplies and so much more!















OPEN



If you'd like to visit our preschool and see what we're all about, come by on Nov. 7th for our

HOUSE



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW PTA FOR 2023-2024!

Esther Mosseri, President Shirley Harary, Vice President Miriam Tawil, Executive



If you'd like to get involved and join the PTA, contact Esther Mosseri (718) 614-6408 or email PTA@SCCLive.org.





# BAILEY, JEROME, HOROVITS FAMLIES DAY CAMP

Harry Chazanoff, Day Camp Director Kathy Shabot, Day Camp Assistant Director

We had an incredible summer at our Day Camp with over

500 campers! The season was filled with exciting trips, fun activities, a successful fundraiser for Chai Lifeline, and memorable overnights. The highlight was a closely contested Monster Inc. themed color war. With special thanks to our dedicated staff, it was a summer to remember, and we can't wait for the next one!













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# PARTIES

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# AT THE CENTER

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# BAILEY, JEROME, HOROVITS FAMLIES YOUTH & FAMILY

Lillian Ebani, Managing Director of Youth & Family Services Harry Chazanoff, Director of Youth Services Lauren Sakkal, Youth Program Supervisor Bella Arel, Youth Program Supervisor

Our Fall semester is kicking off soon, and our programs are packed!

Apparently, word got out that we had a record number of children in our Spring semester! Over 750 children enjoyed activities ranging from basketball training to mixed sports, from dance to art. So, this fall, we've decided to kick it up a notch, with all new programs including **Nova Pre-Team**, **Early Morning Football Leagues, Playgroup Friday Program at Magen David, Flatbush and the Center, Basketball Training with Coach Rudy and Joe Faham**, and so much more!



THE JOSEPH AND ESTER JEROME GYM





















Beyond Borders made a triumphant return this summer after a hiatus since 2017. In July, 45 teens aged 15-16 ventured on an extensive tour of Israel, covering the Golan Heights, the Dead Sea, Tel Aviv, and Jerusalem. In August, the fun continued with a thrilling road trip across the Western United States, starting in Denver and concluding in San Francisco. Highlights included whitewater rafting and horseback riding in Colorado, canyoneering in Canyonlands National Park, hiking the Narrows and Via Ferrata in Zion National Park, and snorkeling and kayaking in the Channel Islands off the coast of California. Stay tuned for more information as Beyond Borders plans to return next summer with a Monday-Friday format for 12-13 year-olds and 12-14 day trips for 14-15 year-olds.



# JEFF & RACHEL SUTTON SPORTS & LEAGUES

David Jolovitz, Director of Health & Wellness Harry Chazanoff, Director of Youth Leagues Richie Simon, Director of Men's Leagues







Another sold-out season of Ballers is kicking off soon and we can't wait! We've finally caught our breath after the spring season of **Ballers**, which featured all nine championship games taking place on a single day, with several close matches!





Congrats to our **5th Grade Wildcats** team that went undefeated and won their championship game against a tough opponent from St. Bernard!













In Center Cyclones Travel Baseball, seven teams displayed dedication and improvement. Special mention to the 8u AAA Cyclones for their undefeated championship victory!







# Jcc maccabi games SRAEL 2023

This summer marked our return to Maccabi Games, participating in both Israel and Ft. Lauderdale. In Israel, we excelled in tennis, with *Alyssa Sutton* winning the silver medal and *Morris Ringer and Yaffa Mishan* winning bronze medals. Our amazing basketball team won the gold in basketball, with cousins *Bobby Sigoura* and *Bobby Sigoura* on the winning team.









In Ft. Lauderdale, dream coach, *Joey Dayon* led our basketball team to the championship game, earning a silver medal with an "in-and-out" missed buzzerbeater away from gold, and the midot medal for outstanding conduct on and off the court. We're already preparing for next summer's competitions.









**FLL Basketball** Max Abed Joshua Azizian Joshua Chabbott Solly Hara Meyer Sakkal Mark Sardar Philip Sherr Alfonse Shiloach Jacob Shiloach Coach: Joey Dayon

Thank you to @lunae\_clips\_ for the great basketball pics in Ft. Lauderdale.

Staff: David Jolovitz



# HEALTH & WELLNESS

David Jolovitz, Director of Health & Wellness

Gaby Shimoonov, Asst Director of Health & Wellness

Carol Dery, Director of Group X Constantine Voytenko, Director of Aquatics

#### Welcome Back? Nah. Welcome Home.

At the Center, something special takes place on the first Tuesday of every September — and while the Center plays host to practically thousands of events each year (literally, thousands) — this event remains the most anticipated tradition of them all: Opening Day.

This time of year is ushered in with the sounds of chirping birds, colorful balloons, and of course ... the invigorating smell of a deepclean and fresh coats of paint. And, like clockwork, the Center's double doors swing wide open and members come rushing back to Brooklyn charged up for a brand new year.

Behind the scenes, in the weeks following the Center's summer day camp, the building has gotten the works: Scraped. Scrubbed. Sprayed. Wiped. Glazed. Polished. Cleaned. Combed. Fixed. Installed. Upgraded. Checked. Double-checked. Triple-checked. And at long last, given the "Welcome Back" seal of approval.



Welcome back!

APPROVE

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The list of renovations should excite you:



#### BASKETBALL COURTS: "Sparkling and gorgeous."

We sanded down to the wood. Repainted court lines. Added polish. Even had permanent pickleball lines painted in the blue gym and auditorium.



#### • GROUP X: "As good as Group Fitness gets."

We resurfaced the studio floors so they absolutely sparkle. Ordered all new group fitness equipment... so you can sparkle next summer. And, we pumped up the volume of our electrifying classes with all-new speakers and microphones. Ask anyone: this place rocks.



 FITNESS CENTER: "An inspiring and modern tour de force." We've rebranded our fitness center as Center Strong, a sub-brand that accurately reflects the daily efforts (and accomplishments) of our members. We stocked the gym with new strength and cardio machines, painted the walls for immaculate vibes, and made some key new additions on our personal training team.









# YOUNG ADULTS





We had an exceptional summer with our young adults! We hosted a series of captivating Stoop Talks, each one focusing on a different topic, including one focused on Israel, in addition to collaborating with SBH Career for talks covering topics like finance and digital marketing.





Aliza Goldberg, Teen & Young Adults Coordinator















We also organized exciting events like a **Backgammon Tournament** and **SPIKE Volleyball Tournament**. The grand finale was the **Soundwave Music Festival** in collaboration with *DSN Beach Club*, where we enjoyed live music under the starry skies. Get ready for more thrilling events coming up this fall!

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Coming this November Young Adults Thanksgiving Trip to... (details coming soon)

Julie Sherr, Director of Women's Culture Club

# WOMEN'S CULTURE CLUB

To stay up-to-date on all our events, make sure to follow us on Instagram: @CenterCultureClub

The summer was filled with engaging events for our ladies, including discussions on family harmony with Heather Deutsch, BAEE, MAEC, lively Book Clubs, and an exciting Historical Bike Tour led by Jim Foley. We also hosted an author's event with Jane L. Rosen, who made us laugh with touching stories. Later in the summer, celebrity matchmaker Rori Sassoon led a captivating class at The Art of Marriage. The summer ended with a highly attended Book Club at Michele Tawil's home, fostering insightful discussions on various topics.



















The highlight of our summer was the highly anticipated **4th Annual Ruth Jerome Garden and Pool Tour**. We explored some exquisite gardens in Deal, complete with parasols, fans, lunch, and goodie bags provided to all 200 women in attendance. An huge thank you to **Abe Jerome** for putting together an incredible day and leading the tour.











# HADDDAD BRANDS FAMILY ARTS & CULTURE

Kathy Shabot, Director of Arts & Culture Sam Torjman, Director of Musical Arts

## Simply Traditional: Grandma's Dishes

On July 20th, **Grandma's Dishes** drew over 500 eager guests who enjoyed demonstrations by community chefs, tastings, auctions, and a delectable bake sale. Celebrity chef **Sivan** from **Sivan's Kitchen** showcased simple yet flavorful recipes. The event's cookbook, featuring community chef recipes, sold out and is available once again for purchase at the front desk for a limited time. Thank you to **Rochelle Dweck** and **Rosie Bawabeh** for putting together a gorgeous day, and to **Shella and Toby Cohen and Rosie and David Bawabeh** for hosting.















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Cookbooks with all the recipes our community chefs demonstrated at Grandma's Dishes is now on sale at the Front Desk.



# Encore Music School

Encore Music has been bustling with activities, including Stageshow, private lessons, group classes, and Encore Outreach. Last year, we started our Encore Café series, featuring jazz vocal trios and tastings, and we have more shows in the pipeline. Stay tuned for more music this fall!











**Encore Legends**, produced and directed by **Sonja Cabasso** and **Natalie Terzi**, who co-produced and choreographed the dance numbers, showcased remarkable talent, including singers, dancers, and musicians, with captivating performances. The crowd was impressed with the incredible choreography, blending lyrical and hip-hop styles. It was a platform for our community's exceptional talent to shine. A huge thank you to our incredible producers, whose hard work and dedication knows no bounds, and talents truly bring the art to the forefront of our community. Special thanks to Sonja for bringing Encore back to the community stage!

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# ROBERT & ALICE HEDAYA



The Center is proud to bring Jewish speakers to share their knowledge with the community, and the stars were certainly out last spring! We hosted former AIPAC President **Betsy Korn**, emphasizing AIPAC's role in giving our community a voice. Israeli entrepreneur and Waze Co-Founder **Uri Levine** shared valuable insights on business and failure leading to success, delighting our audience. Special thanks to **Joey Shamie** for introducing **Uri** and **Elliot Dweck** for moderating the conversation.



The Center hosted a sold-out Yom Ha'atzmaut event celebrating 75 years of Israel, honoring community families who supported Israel's inception, *Jack & Sylvia Cattan, Albert & Eliane Aini*, and *Rabbi Moshe & Miriam Shamah*. Special guest *Roei Ben Tolila* shared an inspirational story of resilience and became a role model. *Rabbi Yotav Eliach* delivered a keynote speech emphasizing the importance of remembering our nation's history. *Magen David and Barkai* Yeshivot had engaging presentations, and *Joe Sutton* kept the crowd entertained throughout the night. A special thank you to *Z & Marav Dweck* for once again generously sponsoring this special evening.



# SENIOR CENTER

Ashley Rosen, Director of Senior Center Aimee Mishaan, Senior Center Supervisor



Our seniors had an adventurous summer, exploring the Brooklyn Bridge, hiking at Greenbelt Park, touring opulent Gold Coast Mansions, and cruising the Manhattan skyline on the Circle Line Boat Tour. They cheered for the Brooklyn Cyclones, attended stretching classes, indulged in Dunkin Donuts treats, played Bingo, and savored Banana Splits. We're looking forward to more fantastic programs this fall!











Our newly renovated Senior Adult Lounge, complete with hardwood floors, provides a much needed revamp to our coveted space.











The highlight of the summer was our annual Fun in the Sun event at the home of **Ester and Joey Jerome**. The day was graciously sponsored by Elliot & Sarah Tamir and Joey & Ester Jerome. 250 seniors enjoyed a day filled with chair yoga, dance lessons, art classes, a heart health lecture, water aerobics, live music, dancing, and delicious lunch and dessert. Everyone went home with goodie bags, making it a fantastic day!



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# SOCIAL SERVICES

Our Parkinson's Disease programs, including Rock Steady Boxing, virtual classes, Healing Music, and caregiver support groups, have been highly successful, with strong attendance in both in-person and virtual offerings. Additionally, our Brain Works program for memory loss continued throughout the summer, with participants enjoying engaging sessions led by Raquel Irizarry. We even got to celebrate Brain Work participant *Sally Grazi's* 100th birthday! We predict more participants in attendance this fall. If you know of anyone that could benefit from our programs, please reach out to Aimee Mishaan at (718) 954-3157 or Aimee@SCCLive.org.





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